IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Robin Callan et al.

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In response to the final Office Action dated December 29, 2008, please extend the period of time for responding to the final Office Action for three months, to expire on June 29, 2009. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

Also enclosed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and the requisite fee.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. For ease of identification, deletions are indicated by strikethrough text (e.g. deleted text), and insertions are indicated by underlined text (e.g. inserted text).

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.